

The National Defense Authorization Act is just another overreaching abuse of our 4<sup>th</sup> amendment guaranteed rights.

Amendment IV states:

“The Right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized. “

It is not constitutional to be able to pick up citizens in this way. Therefore it is your duty as our legislative body to protect the Constitution and we citizens of the state of Michigan against the NDAA.

John Adams once said,

“But a Constitution of Government once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever.”

This president and all future presidents have the ability within the NDAA to pick up US citizens on US soil with only the mere rumor that they are in some way tied to terrorism. Merriam-Webster's Desk Dictionary has the definition of a Rumor as “a statement or report current but not authenticated.” This could apply to any and all of us at some point in our future. There is no need to even notify loved ones. No rights are read because the purported “criminal” has none under this act. What if our president or a future president determines that it's a terrorist act to speak out against him or his presidency or any other thing he or she cares to redefine as terrorism? Could we have SS wondering our streets picking up anyone they so choose with no substantiation that they are indeed even speaking of the issue the president has them picked up for? Or let's not even speak of SS, now that this president has seen fit to militarize America by putting drones above us for no real reason he could issue an assassination of any citizen at any time he so chooses. We know he has no problem taking out American citizens as he's already done so, just not on our soil as far as we know. We also know that most of us in this room have been mentioned not by name but by deed or association to be on a “watch list”. If you own a gun, if you are former military, I believe pro-life was one, if you protest for liberty, if you are serious about your religion..

Paul Wheaton God is always good. Humans not so much. Governments are established among people to secure the rights God endowed people with. Rights for individuals are limitations upon government, and limitations upon government are the restraints used to secure the rights of the people. An administration, a Congress, or a court which ignores the Constitution usurps powers not delegated from the people to that part of the government. Powers are divided so as to act as checks or restraints upon the arbitrary exercise of power. Over the years, step by step, powers have been centralized in the U.S government in areas where that government was not delegated any authority from the people. The U.S. government was granted full power over limited subjects--and only those subjects. The States and the

people retain the bulk of powers not delegated (or usurped) by the U.S. government. Contrary to popular belief, the U.S. Supreme Court is not the last word on the meaning of the U.S. Constitution. The people, acting through their State governments are the ultimate arbiter of the true meaning of the constitution. However, the repeated failure of State governments to defend their powers is taken for consent to be bullied by the U.S. government. For example, Arizona was sued by the U.S. Department of Justice in Federal District Court over its immigration laws. However, the U.S. Constitution is very precise that in any matter where a State is a party the U.S. Supreme Court is to exercise ORIGINAL jurisdiction. Such flagrant abuse and destruction of constitutional safeguards will mean that no restraints exist--and that the people have no rights that the regime cannot set aside--even if it is written in plain language in the Constitution itself: "In all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, and those in which a State shall be Party, the supreme Court shall have original Jurisdiction." This, like making recess appointments while the Senate is yet in session are affronts to the rule of law. Thugocracy--plain and simple.

It is your duty as our legislative body to defend our US Constitution and the citizens of the great State of Michigan by adopting what Representative McMillin is presenting today.

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